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SUBJECT: ADDITIONAL PLEDGE TO CALENDAR YEAR 1975

IAEA OPERATIONAL PROGRAM

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1. IN HIS OPENING STATEMENT TO A AND B COMMITTEE,
RESREP ANNOUNCED US INTENTION TO CONTRIBUTE \$500,000
AS VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION TO IAEA OPERATIONAL PROGRAM,
AS AUTHORIZED REF. B. RELEVANT PORTION OF STATEMENT
WAS AS FOLLOWS: "I WISH TO STRESS MY GOVERNMENT'S
COMMITMENT TO THE MAINTENANCE OF AN ADEQUATE TECHNICAL
ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. WE SHOULD PROVIDE FOR A TECHNICAL
ASSISTANCE PROGRAM LEVEL WHICH TAKES INTO ACCOUNT
ADVERSE EFFECTS OF INFLATIONARY PRESSURES. WE BELIEVE
THAT WORTHWHILE PROJECTS IN THIS PROGRAM SHOULD CONTINUE
TO BE FINANCED BY VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS.

"-- TO THESE ENDS, THEREFORE, I AM PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE
AT THIS TIME THAT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT WILL MAKE
AN ADDITIONAL VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION OF \$500,000 TO THE
AGENCY IN 1975 IN THE FORMS OF IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS,
OVER AND ABOVE THE \$893,600 WHICH WE HAVE PREVIOUSLY
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PLEDGED. THIS ADDITIONAL AMOUNT BRINGS THE TOTAL US

PLEDGE OF VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO \$2.5 MILLION. OF THIS TOTAL; OVER \$1.1 MILLION WILL BE IN THE FORM OF A CASH CONTRIBUTION AND NEARLY \$1.4 MILLION IN THE FORM OF IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS. THE BULK OF THIS ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTION WILL BE USED FOR COST FREE EXPERTS, EQUIPMENT GRANTS, AND TRAINING. AS IN THE CASE OF OTHER SUCH IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS, MY GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO GIVE PREFERENCE, IN SELECTING COUNTRIES AS BENEFICIARIES OF SUCH ASSISTANCE, TO PARTIES TO THE NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY.

"-- SUPPORT FOR TRAINING FROM THESE FUNDS WILL INCLUDE PARTIAL SUPPORT FOR THE NUCLEAR POWER TRAINING COURSE AT THE ARGONNE NATIONAL LABORATORY EARLY NEXT YEAR, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ASSISTING IN THE PLANNING AND EXECUTION OF NUCLEAR POWER PROGRAMS IN THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. I SHOULD ALSO LIKE TO NOTE THAT IN CONNECTION WITH THIS SAME COURSE THE US ENERGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION WILL CONTRIBUTE AN ADDITIONAL AMOUNT (OVER AND ABOVE WHAT I HAVE JUST MENTIONED) OF DIRECT FINANCIAL SUPPORT IN PREPARING FOR AND CONDUCTING THE FIRST ARGONNE COURSE, THE TOTAL COST OF WHICH IS ESTIMATED TO BE CLOSE TO \$500,000.

"-- FINALLY, A PORTION OF THE ADDITIONAL US VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION WILL BE USED IN CONNECTION WITH THE AGENCY'S SAFEGUARDS AND PHYSICAL PROTECTION ACTIVITIES, SUCH AS ASSISTANCE AND TRAINING FOR PERSONNEL IN DEVELOPING NATIONS WHO WILL BE INVOLVED IN SETTING UP THEIR OWN NATIONAL SYSTEMS OF CONTROL AND ACCOUNTABILITY. WE SHALL BE IN CONTACT WITH THE SECRETARIAT SHORTLY TO WORK OUT THE DETAILS OF THIS ASPECT OF OUR CONTRIBUTION."

2. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH WE WERE SURPRISED TO NOTE THAT \$200,000 IS PROPOSED TO SUPPORT THE ARGONNE NUCLEAR POWER TRAINING COURSE, WHICH WE THOUGHT WAS BEING FUNDED BY ERDA, WE UNDERSTAND THAT OMB REDUCED ERDA'S FUNDING FOR COURSE, WITH RESULT THAT IT BECAME NECESSARY TO ALLOCATE PORTION OF OUR ADDITIONAL VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION TO MAKE UP THE DIFFERENCE. THIS IS UNFORTUNATE, SINCE IT IS GENERALLY KNOWN THAT US ALREADY WAS COMMITTED TO GIVE THE ARGONNE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COURSE, SO THAT A GOOD PORTION OF OUR ADDITIONAL VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION WILL NOT BE SEEN TO BE "ADDITIONAL," AND IMPACT, THEREFORE, WILL BE LESSENED. (SIAZON OF PHILIPPINES HAS ALREADY RAISED THIS POINT.) NEVERTHELESS, WE BELIEVE ARGONNE COURSE SHOULD HAVE HIGH PRIORITY, AND WE RECOGNIZE THAT THERE IS AMPLE PRECEDENT FOR USE OF IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS TO SUPPORT IAEA TRAINING ACTIVITIES IN US AND, ACCORDINGLY, THAT IT IS AN APPROPRIATE USE

OF OUR ADDITIONAL VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION.

3. WHILE WE WOULD HAVE PREFERRED TO SEE LARGER SHARE OF OUR ADDITIONAL VOLUNTARY IN-KIND CONTRIBUTION OF \$500,000 DIRECTED TO EXPERTS AND EQUIPMENT UNDER AGENCY'S TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IN ORDER TO MAXIMIZE ITS IMPACT, PARTICULARLY IN LIGHT OF NPT REVCON, WE ARE WILLING TO LIVE WITH BREAKDOWN PROPOSED REFTEL. BELIEVE AMOUNT OF \$200,000 FOR SAFEGUARDS AND PHYSICAL SECURITY IS REASONABLE.

4. RE REDUCTION OF TYPE-II FELLOWS, AGENCY (HAMMOND) SAYS REDUCTION WILL NOT RPT NOT SERIOUSLY AFFECT HIS PROGRAM, SINCE HE THINKS HE CAN HANDLE SHORTFALL, IF ANY, FROM TYPE -I FELLOWSHIPS. ACCORDINGLY, MISSION BELIEVES IT IS NOT RPT NOT NECESSARY TO INCREASE AMOUNT ALLOCATED TO TYPE-II FELLOWSHIPS FOR THIS YEAR, BUT WE HOPE THAT NECESSARY AMOUNT TO ACCOMMODATE FORMER LEVEL OF ABOUT 54 FELLOWS WOULD BE RESTORED UNDER NEXT YEARS' PROGRAM.

5. RE AMOUNT PROPOSED FOR EQUIPMENT AND EXPERTS, AND RECALLING OUR RECOMMENDATION REF B, MISSION BELIEVES US SHOULD MOVE PROMPTLY TO CONSIDER PICKING UP SCHEDULE C PROJECTS IN MEXICO (EXPERTS FOR 2 PROJECTS), PERU (EQUIPMENT GRANT), PHILIPPINES (EQUIPMENT AND EXPERT) AND THAILAND (EQUIPMENT). ALL ARE NPT PARTIES. TOTAL VALUE ABOUT \$70,000 ACCORDING TO AGENCY ESTIMATES, BUT BELIEVE ACTUAL COSTS LIKELY TO BE CLOSER TO \$90,000-\$100,000, IN VIEW HIGHER SALARIES OF US EXPERTS. FOR MAXIMUM IMPACT, WE BELIEVE ANNOUNCEMENT OF OUR INTENTION TO DO THIS SHOULD BE MADE AT NPT REVCON. END COMMENT.

6. FYI: SELECTION OF FOREGOING PROJECTS IS ADMITTEDLY ARBITRARY, BUT THERE ARE NOT RPT NOT MANY NON-SOVIET LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CLOC NPT PARTIES LISTED IN SCHEDULE C. ONLY OTHER ONES ARE: GREECE, JORDAN, AND MALAYSIA. PROJECTS IN ANY OF THESE COUNTRIES WOULD ALSO BE ACCEPTABLE, AND ALSO IN ROK, WHEN IT RATIFIES TREATY. END FYI. PORTER

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